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Homicide Unit

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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN CHOLLAS CREEK

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a male and the wounding of a female in Chollas Creek.

At 3:28 a.m., a female called the police and reported that she and her male companion had been shot somewhere in the area of 54th Street and University Avenue. The woman was unsure of her exact location. Officers located the female and her companion in the 5500 block of Seifert Street. Both victims had been shot while seated in a parked car. Both were transported to a local trauma center where the male victim died. The female is expected to survive.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that both victims were sitting in a parked car on 5500 Seifert Street when an older, light colored pick-up truck pulled along side of the victim's vehicle and fired an unknown type firearm at the victims. The suspect vehicle then fled westbound on Seifert Street.

The male victim has not yet been identified. He is a Hispanic male and appears to be in his mid 20's. The female victim, 19, has been tentatively identified. Her name is being withheld pending verification.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.